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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of December 24, 2003, and the Notice of June 6, 2005, the following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted again, with correction made to the claim status identifiers per the Notice..